



## **EXODUS CHAPTERS 18-19 (FACILITATOR)**

### **Discussion Starter**

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### **Opening Prayer**

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### **Tell the Story**

### **Read the Story (Exodus 18:1-27, 19:1-25)**

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### **Breaking it Down**

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### **Exodus 18:1-27**

- Why do you think it became easy for Moses to sit as judge for the people from morning until evening?
  - Moses saw a tremendous need and to lead the people and he was seeking to meet that need.
- How did Jethro's vision and Moses' vision of judging for the people differ in verses 17-24? How did each of them demonstrate humility in their responses to each other?
  - While Moses was seeking to do his best in leading the people, it was only his best that he was bringing to the table and this was extremely limited. Jethro saw that it was important for Moses to empower others for their growth but also so that Moses and the people wouldn't wear each other out. They both demonstrated an incredible amount of humility because Jethro didn't



seek to force Moses to implement his advice. Moses' humility was demonstrated by listening to Jethro's advice and seeking to implement it.

- What can we learn today from the examples of Jethro and Moses about leadership, humility, and empowering others?
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### **Exodus 19:1-25**

- Why did God have the Israelites camp in the Desert of Sinai in front of the mountain while He talked with Moses?
  - God was continuing to prepare Moses for the journey ahead but God was also equipping and empowering Moses so that he could effectively equip and empower the people not only for their journey but also for the rest of their lives.
- In Exodus 19:7-8, the people and God seem to be having a sort of back and forth communication. God has given them a message through Moses. The people send their response to God through Moses and He accepts it. What is the significance of this back and forth communication?
  - God always gives people choices about what they are going to do with what He says. Listening to Him and following Him aren't things that He seeks to force people into. Rather, He desires that people make decisions to accept what He has said.
- Notice what God tells Moses in Exodus 19:9. Why is this significant?
  - As with all of Moses' leadership, it wasn't about what he brought to the table that made his leadership great but what God brought to the table that made his leadership great.
- How would you describe the preparation process before the people met with God in verse 17? Why do you think this was important?



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- How do you prepare your own heart, mind, and soul to enter God's presence on a daily basis?
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- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

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